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SUBJECT: EFFECT OF MILITARY DRAFT ON AMERICAN OIL COMPANY
OPERATIONS IN LIBYA

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1. LIBYAN AFFAIRS ADVISOR AT ESSO INTERNATIONAL NEW YORK
INFORMED DEPARTMENT (NEA/AFN) ON OCTOBER 21 THAT HIS
COMPANY HAS WORKED OUT MEASURES TO MAINTAIN PRODUCTION AT
CURRENT LEVEL FOR OCTOBER BUT PREDICTS DECLINE THEREAFTER
DUE TO LOSS OF ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL TO LARG MILITARY CALL UP.

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PRESUMABLY AS RESULT OF EFFORTS OF ESSO'S LIBYAN CHAIRMAN

WITH LARG, SEVEN FIELD OPERATORS CALLED UP OCTOBER 10 WERE RETURNED IN EXCHANGE FOR SEVEN OTHERS IN LESS CRITICAL POSITIONS. COMPANY IS WORKING ON BASIS 12 HOUR SHIFTS AND WITH ADDITION SOME STUDENTS PULLED OUT OF ESSO TRAINING SCHOOL. EVEN SO, ESSO CLAIMS, PRODUCTION WILL BEGIN TO DECLINE TO AN ESTIMATED 210,000 BPD. IN NOVEMBER (VERSUS GOAL OF 250,000). EFFECT WILL BE TO CURTAIL SHIPMENTS TO SPAIN AND ITALY.

2. ESSO REP ESTIMATED THAT LIBYAN WORKFORCE UNDER 36 YEARS OF AGE IN PRIVATE SECTOR TOTALS 64,000. THERE ARE ANOTHER 14,000 IN MILITARY SERVICE. ESSO HAS 600 THIS AGE BRACKET

OF WHICH 147 CALLED UP. FOR OTHER AMERICAN COMPANIES HE ESTIMATED OASIS LOST 120, OCCIDENTAL 56, MOBIL 77. FIRST TWO DID NOT INCLUDE OPERATORS AND IMPACT ON PRODUCTION SHOULD BE SLIGHT. MOBIL LOST SOME IN OPERATOR CATEGORY AND IMPACT UNKNOWN. ESSO REP CLAIMED ESSO EFFECTED MORE SEVERELY BECAUSE OF GREATER "LIBYANIZATION" AT OPERATOR LEVEL. ROBINSON

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